

05-276 EDDIE JACKSON, ET AL. V. RICK PERRY, ET AL.

DECISION BELOW: UNPUBLISHED

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether the Equal Protection Clause and the First Amendment prohibit States from redrawing lawful districting plans in the middle of the decade, for the sole purpose of maximizing partisan advantage.
2. Whether Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act permits a State to destroy a district effectively controlled by African- American voters, merely because it is impossible to draw a district in which African-Americans constitute an absolute mathematical majority of the population.
3. Whether, under *Bush v. Vera*, 517 U.S. 952 (1996), a bizarre-looking congressional district, which was intentionally drawn as a majority-Latino district by connecting two far-flung pockets of dense urban population with a 300-mile-long rural "land bridge," may escape invalidation as a *racial* gerrymander because drawing a compact majority-Latino district would have required the mapmakers to compromise their *political* goal of maximizing Republican seats elsewhere in the State.

Jurisdiction Noted 12/12/05

Consolidated with 05-204, 05-254, and 05-439

Two hours allotted for oral argument